

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) A zoom lens according to claim ~~1~~11, ~~characterized in that~~ in which the reflective member is disposed on the most object side.

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) A zoom lens according to claim ~~3~~12, ~~characterized in that~~ in which the reflective member is disposed on the most object side.

5. (currently amended) A zoom lens according to claim 11, in which ~~any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in~~ the reflective member is formed of a prism satisfying Conditional Expression (1):

$$1.7 < N_{pd} \quad (\text{Conditional Expression (1)})$$

where,

N_{pd} = a refraction index of the prism forming the reflective member.

6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) An imaging apparatus according to claim ~~6~~13, ~~characterized in that~~ in which the reflective member is disposed on the most object side.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) An imaging apparatus according to claim ~~8~~14, ~~characterized in that~~ in which the reflective member is disposed on the most object side.

10. (currently amended) An imaging apparatus according to claim 13, ~~in which any one of claims 6 to 9,~~ ~~characterized in~~ the reflective member is formed of a prism satisfying Conditional Expression (1):

$$1.7 < N_{pd} \quad (\text{Conditional Expression (1)})$$

where,

N_{pd} = refraction index of the prism forming the reflective member.

11. (new) A zoom lens comprising a plurality of lens groups for performing zooming by changing inter-group distances between the lens groups, in which said plurality of lens groups include, from an object side of said zoom lens, a first lens group, a second lens group, a third lens group, a fourth lens group, and a fifth lens group,

wherein said first lens group has a positive refractive power, in which a reflection member for bending an optical axis is provided in said first lens group and the reflection member is formed of a prism having a negative refractive power, and

wherein said second lens group and said fourth lens group are movable along the optical axis, and said first lens group, said third lens group and said fifth lens group are fixed on the optical axis.

12. (new) A zoom lens comprising a plurality of lens groups for performing zooming by changing inter-group distances between the lens groups, in which said plurality of lens groups include, from an object side of said zoom lens, a first lens group, a second lens group, a third lens group, a fourth lens group, and a fifth lens group,

wherein a reflective member for bending an optical axis is disposed in said first lens group and the reflection member is formed of a prism having a negative refractive power and an intermediate aperture position is fixed during zooming, and

wherein said second lens group and said fourth lens group are movable along the optical axis, and said first lens group, said third lens group and said fifth lens group are fixed on the optical axis.

13. (new) An imaging apparatus comprising a zoom lens having a plurality of lens groups for performing zooming by changing inter-group distances between the lens groups, and an imaging device for converting an optical image formed by the zoom lens to an electric signal, in which said plurality of lens groups include, from an object side of said zoom lens, a first lens group, a second lens group, a third lens group, a fourth lens group, and a fifth lens group,

wherein said first lens group has a positive refractive power, in which a reflection member for bending an optical axis is provided in said first lens group and the reflection member is formed of a prism having a negative refractive power, and

wherein said second lens group and said fourth lens group are movable along the optical axis, and said first lens group, said third lens group and said fifth lens group are fixed on the optical axis.

14. (new) An imaging apparatus comprising a zoom lens having a plurality of lens groups for performing zooming by changing inter-group distances between the lens groups, and an imaging device for converting an optical image formed by the zoom lens to an electric signal, in which said plurality of lens groups include, from an object side of said zoom lens, a first lens group, a second lens group, a third lens group, a fourth lens group, and a fifth lens group,

wherein a reflective member for bending an optical axis is disposed in said first lens group and the reflection member is formed of a prism having a negative refractive power and an intermediate aperture position is fixed during zooming, and

wherein said second lens group and said fourth lens group are movable along the optical axis, and said first lens group, said third lens group and said fifth lens group are fixed on the optical axis.

15. (new) The zoom lens according to claim 11, in which the second lens group has a negative refractive power, the third lens group has a positive refractive power, the fourth lens group has a positive refractive power, and the fifth lens group has a negative refractive power.

16. (new) The zoom lens according to claim 12, in which the first lens group has a positive refractive power, the

second lens group has a negative refractive power, the third lens group has a positive refractive power, the fourth lens group has a positive refractive power, and the fifth lens group has a negative refractive power.

17. (new) The imaging apparatus according to claim 13, in which the second lens group has a negative refractive power, the third lens group has a positive refractive power, the fourth lens group has a positive refractive power, and the fifth lens group has a negative refractive power.

18. (new) The imaging apparatus according to claim 14, in which the first lens group has a positive refractive power, the second lens group has a negative refractive power, the third lens group has a positive refractive power, the fourth lens group has a positive refractive power, and the fifth lens group has a negative refractive power.

19. (new) The zoom lens according to claim 12, in which the reflective member is formed of a prism satisfying Conditional Expression (1):

$$1.7 < N_{pd} \quad (\text{Conditional Expression (1)})$$

where,

N_{pd} = a refraction index of the prism forming the reflective member.

20. (new) The imaging apparatus according to claim 14, in which the reflective member is formed of a prism satisfying Conditional Expression (1):

$$1.7 < N_{pd} \quad (\text{Conditional Expression (1)})$$

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where,

N_{pd} = refraction index of the prism forming the
reflective member.